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1 August 1952 COUNTRY Germany (Russian Zone) DATE DISTR. DDR Reichsbahn Shortage of Fine Steel Wire SUBJECT NO. OF PAGES and Signal Boxes 25X1C NO. OF ENCLS. PLACE **ACQUIRED** SUPPLEMENT TO DATE OF INFO. REPORT NO. 25X1X

- 1. The DDR Reichsbahn system is experiencing a shortage of five millimeter shootally-drawn (blankresogenen) steel wire used in mechanically-operated simal systems. The wire transfers to ction from the signal control effice to signals and to switches. The Reichsbahn also lacks mechanically and electrically operated signal boxes. There is expansion of new safety devices in 1952 will be carried out in small degree only.
- 2. The necessary the was formerly specially manufactured in hest Germany. Current efforts of the DDR to produce it have been unsuccessful. Supplies retained by some of the mailrost maintenance departments, after the construction of signal installations by the Vereinigte Bisenbaha a mail of the latest (VML) Berlin-Signapateit, here been embasted.
- The chief of the Department of Railros Safety (Sicherorysweser) has been ordered to inspect all railrosd maintenance departments to determine if wire not now being used can be employed alsowhere.
- 4. In 1949 (fnu) Frank, an ind official who was until then employed at VES, became head of a new signal manufacturing plant at Oberschorne eide. Frank took with him stocks of carts which VLS could not recover. RFT and other VVS's were to copy the VLS equipment, but their efforts were not successful. The only successful initiation was that of illuminated diagram screens (Gleisschaubilder), which show what sections of track are being used by trains.



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